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Idaho Milk Production Up 14 Percent

Idaho milk production during May 2000 totaled 612 million pounds, up 14 percent from the same month last year and up 5.5 percent from April 2000. Revised production for April 2000 totaled 580 million pounds, up 13.3 percent from April 1999. Average milk production per cow in May 2000 was 1,790 pounds, 80 pounds more than both May 1999 and April 2000. The average number of milk cows in May was 342,000 head, 28,000 more than in May 1999 and 3,000 more than April 2000.

Nationally, May milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 2.6 percent from production in these same States in May 1999. April revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was up 3.3 percent from April 1999. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,638 pounds for May, 28 pounds above May 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.80 million head, 63,000 head more than May 1999 and 9,000 head more than April 2000.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, May 1999-2000

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2000 As Percent of 1999
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona	134	138	2,060	2,110	276	291	105
California	1,459	1,513	1,825	1,845	2,663	2,791	105
Florida	160	158	1,400	1,460	224	231	103
IDAHO	314	342	1,710	1,790	537	612	114
Illinois	123	120	1,490	1,550	183	186	102
Indiana	136	147	1,445	1,480	197	218	111
Iowa	217	215	1,550	1,610	336	346	103
Kentucky	133	133	1,120	1,185	149	158	106
Michigan	303	291	1,600	1,610	485	469	97
Minnesota	545	540	1,545	1,555	842	840	100
Missouri	160	156	1,300	1,320	208	206	99
New Mexico	232	246	1,805	1,910	419	470	112
New York	702	690	1,530	1,520	1,074	1,049	98
Ohio	260	262	1,530	1,550	398	406	102
Pennsylvania	615	615	1,605	1,615	987	993	101
Texas	345	350	1,515	1,520	523	532	102
Vermont	160	160	1,505	1,555	241	249	103
Virginia	122	120	1,345	1,425	164	171	104
Washington	247	246	1,935	1,985	478	488	102
Wisconsin	1,366	1,354	1,510	1,525	2,063	2,065	100
20 STATE TOTAL	7,733	7,796	1,610	1,638	12,447	12,771	103

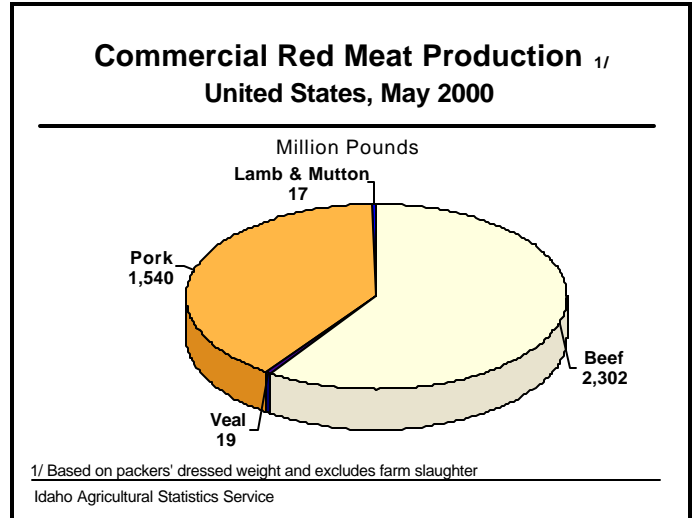
1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Red Meat Production Up 18 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for May 2000 totaled 49.8 million pounds, up 18 percent from last year. May production was up 21 percent from April's 41.2 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-May 2000 period totaled 232.2 million pounds, up 7 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in May, up 8 percent from the 3.60 billion pounds produced in May 1999 and 3 percent higher than the previous record high for May set in 1996. Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year and equaled the previous record high for May set in 1996. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.18 million head, up 6 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,196 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.54 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year and 1 percent higher than the previous record high for May set in 1995. Hog kill totaled 7.95 million head, 7 percent above 1999. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 263 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 17 million pounds, was down 3 percent from the previous record low for May set in 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 259 thousand head, 4 percent below last year.

The average live weight was 135 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago. January-May red meat production was 18.9 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, pork was 2 percent lower and lamb & mutton was down 2 percent.



Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	May 1999	April 2000	May 2000	May 2000 as percent of ^{2/}	
				May 1999	April 2000
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	85.3	79.4	89.9	105	113
Colorado	178.7	158.4	177.9	100	112
IDAHO	42.3	41.2	49.8	118	121
Illinois	197.6	199.8	219.6	111	110
Iowa	460.5	446.4	492.4	107	110
Kansas	509.4	495.8	521.6	102	105
Minnesota	155.5	150.3	168.9	109	112
Montana	1.9	1.6	1.8	97	111
Nebraska	532.4	527.6	613.8	115	116
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	85	145
Oklahoma	67.5	76.3	76.2	113	100
Oregon	3.2	3.2	3.9	123	120
South Dakota	71.0	67.5	79.2	112	117
Texas	419.1	371.4	436.8	104	118
Utah	39.5	35.2	42.1	107	120
Washington	50.6	49.4	61.9	122	125
Wyoming	0.3	0.3	0.4	114	123
UNITED STATES	3,603.3	*3,460.1	3,877.8	108	112

* Revised. ^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. ^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

All Cattle in Idaho: Top Twelve Counties

Counties	January 1, 1999	Counties	January 1, 2000
	Head		Head
Cassia	151,500	Cassia	169,500
Canyon	149,500	Gooding	158,000
Gooding	141,500	Jerome	157,500
Jerome	137,500	Elmore	137,500
Twin Falls	127,500	Canyon	134,000
Elmore	120,000	Twin Falls	122,500
Owyhee	111,000	Owyhee	113,000
Bingham	84,500	Bingham	82,500
Ada	69,000	Ada	71,000
Jefferson	64,500	Jefferson	64,500
Lemhi	51,500	Lemhi	54,000
Washington	44,000	Washington	43,000

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 7 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on June 1, 2000 totaled 305,000 head, up 7 percent from the June 1, 1999 inventory of 285,000 head. The inventory was down 3 percent from the number on hand as of May 1, 2000.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 60,000 head, down 8,000 head from May 1999 placements. Marketings during May totaled 58,000 head, up 6,000 head from May 1999 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.93 million head on June 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above June 1, 1999 and 13 percent above June 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 12 percent above 1999 and 13 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.19 million.

During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 382,000, 600-699 pounds were 470,000, 700-799 pounds were 794,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 658,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 1999 and 11 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 115,000 during May, 16 percent above 1999 and up 24 percent from 1998.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	June 1, 1999	May 1, 2000	June 1, 2000		
			Number	As % of 1999	As % of May
	-----1,000 Head-----		-----Percent-----		
Arizona	207	276	276	133	100
California	370	405	410	111	101
Colorado	1,090	1,180	1,180	108	100
Idaho	285	315	305	107	97
Iowa	330	370	350	106	95
Kansas	2,020	2,230	2,290	113	103
Nebraska	2,000	2,240	2,100	105	94
New Mexico	87	90	90	103	100
Oklahoma	330	360	375	114	104
South Dakota	164	180	165	101	92
Texas	2,530	2,660	2,800	111	105
Washington	199	*218	216	109	99
Other States	375	390	375	100	96
United States	9,987	*10,914	10,932	109	100

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. *Revised..

Frozen Potato Stocks Unchanged

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on May 31, 2000, totaled 991.5 million pounds, a 2 percent increase from April 30, 2000, and up 1 percent from May 31, 1999. Other frozen potatoes, at 265.6 million pounds, decreased 2 percent from April stocks and decreased 3 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on May 31, 2000, totaled 137.2 million pounds, up 8 percent from the end of the previous month, and up slightly from May 31, 1999. Of this 137.2 million pounds, the government owned 441 thousand pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 558.3 million pounds, up 2 percent from April 30, 2000. The government owned a total of 52 thousand pounds.

Commodity	May 31, 1999	April 30, 2000	May 31, 2000	2000
				1999
			<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	980,718	967,474	991,491	101
Other Frozen	274,803	271,744	265,616	97
TOTAL	1,255,521	1,239,218	1,257,107	100
DAIRY				
Butter	136,575	126,785	137,243	100
(Gov't Owned)	257	229	441	172
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	558,952	547,898	558,255	100
(Gov't Owned)	13	24	52	400

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